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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Conkling, et al.
Serial No.: To Be Assigned
Filed: Concurrently Herewith
For: *REGULATION OF QUINOLATE PHOSPHORIBOSYL TRANSFERASE
EXPRESSION*

September 24, 2001

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the specification:

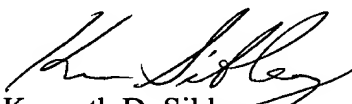
Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 following the title "Cross Reference to Related Application", please delete the current paragraph and substitute the following entire paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/021,286, filed February 10, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/049,471 filed June 12, 1997, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference. --

It is submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination and allowance, which action is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,


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